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1. TRANSMITTED BELOW IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF A
STATEMENT ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE LOS CONFERENCE
MADE BY FOREIGN OFFICE STATE MINISTER DR. HAMM-BRUECHER
IN THE BUNDESTAG ON JUNE 9 IN REPLY TO A PERTINENT
QUESTION.

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2. BEGIN TEXT: QUESTION: WHAT OUTLOOK DOES THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SEE FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION
OF THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE IN THE LIGHT OF THE
PROGRESS SO FAR?

ANSWER: IN COMPARISON WITH ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE
ICNT, SECTION IX, REGULATING DEEP SEA MINING, IS

STILL FURTHEST AWAY FROM A SATISFACTORY FORMULATION.
THIS SECTION IS A KEY FACTOR IN COMING TO AGREEMENT
ON A LOS CONVENTION, BECAUSE A SEPARATION OF THE
DEEP SEA MINING ISSUE FROM THE OTHER SUBJECTS OF
NEGOTIATIONS IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE. THE LDCS CONSIDER
DEEP SEA MINING AN INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF A NEW INTER-
NATIONAL LOS SINCE, IN THEIR VIEW, IT INCORPORATES
THEIR CLAIM TO SHARE THE "COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND.

THEREFORE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL, AS IT HAS IN
THE PAST, DIRECT ALL ITS EFFORTS TOWARDS FINDING A
SATISFACTORY SOLUTION FOR THE DEEP SEA MINING
ISSUE AT THE THIRD LOS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE
CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HAVE TO BE OVERCOME
FOR REACHING THIS GOAL SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED.
END TEXT.

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